(d) the details of Government's opinion thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) The country-wise information is given below:

Pakistan

Pakistan has illegally occupied approximately 78,00 sq. kms. of Indian territory in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China in 1963. India's position is that the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.

China

China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. Kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector. In the Middle Sector, China illegally claims about 2,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory.

Nepal

The India-Nepal boundary is based on the treaty of Sugauli of 1816 between the British East India Company and the Kingdom of Nepal and subsequent treaties and agreements. There are differences of perception on the alignment of boundary between India and Nepal in some regions, primarily Narsahi, Susata in Bihar and Kalapani in Uttarakhand. The shifting of course in Susata region of the Gandak river, the mid-stream of which formed the boundary as per Treaty of Sugauli, has resulted in claims and counterclaims by both sides in this segment. These are being addressed by the two countries through the establishment of a Joint Technical Committee on Boundary-related issues in 1981.

Plan to resolve Siachen issue

2603. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan had handed over to India a very detailed plan for the resolution of the Siachen issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had agreed to work on the plan given by the Pakistan;

(d) whether Government had reacted to plan given by the Pakistan on Siachen issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) The Siachen issue is being discussed by India and Pakistan within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. At the 11th round of the Defence Secretary talks in April, 2007, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to the November, 2003 ceasefire between the two countries which is holding successfully and agreed to continue the discussions to resolve the Siachen dispute in a peaceful manner.

Withdrawal of troops from Siachen Glacier

†2604. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has promised not to occupy Siachen glacier after India's withdrawal of troops from this glacier of strategic importance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering withdrawal from Siachen based on the said promise; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would take for the national security in the event of Pakistan backing out from its commitment?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Siachen issue is being discussed by India and Pakistan within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. At the 11th round of the Defence Secretary talks in April, 2007, the two sides reaffirmed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.